



WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 18, 1903.

Mr. Addicks's remarkable statement, issued on Monday, in which he threatened political oblivion to every man who dares to oppose his election to the United States Senate, is regarded as a club to keep the dissenting element in his party in line, and it is having some effect, for most of them want something and fear being publicly excommunicated. The threat made by Mr. Addicks, that no republican who votes against him now can expect to hold an office in Delaware hereafter, is based upon his assumption that he will be recognized as the leader of the State after March 4, because he is the national committeeman from Delaware and the State will no longer be represented in Congress by a republican. After Representative Ball ends his service in the House of Representatives there will be no recognized head of the republican organization in Delaware except Addicks. It is now apparent what an important service was performed for Addicks by William Michael Byrne, when he offered himself as a candidate for Congress. His action was apparently intended to kill off Representative Ball and bring about the very situation which has warranted Addicks's latest declaration. In the natural course of events Addicks would be recognized as the man whose recommendations to office should be considered. Whether he will be depends on the President. It is known that Postmaster General Payne and Senator Hanna, the two leading officers of the national committee, will urge upon the President Addicks's formal recognition as the leader.

Mrs. Knox, wife of the Attorney General, has suffered a nervous collapse from the terrible strain upon her in attempting to keep up with the social functions incumbent as the wife of a member of the Cabinet. Her physician ordered the cancellation of every social engagement, including her reception today and a dinner party on Friday, and her immediate removal from Washington. There is a serious side to every station in life, from the humblest to the highest, and the truth of the observation so often made that a penalty is exacted from greatness or prominence is acknowledged by the victims. Yet the great majority are ever crowding and knifing each other in order to get to the front. Few reach their goal, and those who do often sigh to be far from the maddening crowd when wearied by satiety.

THE OPENING of the British Parliament yesterday was characterized by the usual primeval ceremonies which have been repeated for centuries. Many of them are absurdities to people now on the earth. One which has been strictly adhered to for centuries is about on a par with the practice some people have of looking under the bed before retiring for the night. A feature of yesterday's performance was enacted by yeomen of the guard, bearing ancient lanterns and halberds, who searched the vaults of the Parliament House to make sure that no conspirators lurked therein. King Edward, who was accompanied by the Queen, the royal household and all the officers of State, after this ceremony entered the House of Peers. The memory of Guy Fawkes will ever remain green with our English friends.

A CABLE dispatch from Australia states that a scorching heat wave has struck that country and is burning up vegetation in the pastoral districts. What a boon it would be if some of this superfluous heat could be cabled over to this country.

A WESTERN physician is out with the familiar warning that cigarette smoking causes insanity. There has long been a popular impression that insanity causes cigarette smoking.

MANY PEOPLE will be strengthened in their belief that Hicks is a reliable weather prophet, as he predicted the cold storm which the country has just experienced.

It is hoped that the Florida people will not attribute the cold weather they are now experiencing to the recent visit of the Virginia editors.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate yesterday agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill with but little discussion. Debate of the statehood bill was resumed, and Mr. Depew continued his remarks in opposition to it. Toward the end of the session, Mr. Teller declared that himself and the country had been insulted by some of Mr. Depew's references to the unequal representation in the Senate.

The House entered upon the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, under the operation of a rule which made the new legislation relative to the increase of the personnel of the Navy and for the increase of the Naval Academy in order. The general debate upon the bill was without special feature. The paragraph in the bill providing \$250,000 for a naval station on the Great Lakes went out on a point of order.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, D. C., Feb. 18.—George B. Cortelyou was sworn in as Secretary of the department of commerce and labor and as the ninth member of President Roosevelt's cabinet at 10:10 this morning by Chief Justice Fuller. The ceremony took place in the cabinet room of the new executive building and was witnessed by the President, Mrs. Cortelyou and her sister, the entire office force and Mrs. Loeb, whose husband, William Loeb, Jr., was immediately thereafter sworn in as secretary to the President, vice Mr. Cortelyou. Chief Justice Fuller was the first to congratulate the new cabinet member, and President Roosevelt followed. Mrs. Cortelyou and Mrs. Loeb were both visibly affected. Secretary Cortelyou was presented with a handsome silver vase by the members of the White House office force. Now that the new department of commerce has a head the problem of quarters is being canvassed. The government will be obliged to rent a building of office rooms for the time being. A structure will of course be built in time. Until July 1, when the various bureaus that are to be transferred from the old department to the new are taken over, Secretary Cortelyou will not need very extensive quarters.

Minister Bowen today sent each of the six "peace powers" other than the United States and France a copy of the protocol signed by him with Secretary Hay yesterday. This will serve as a model for their protocols. These powers are Mexico, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Norway and Sweden, and Denmark. At present, it seems unlikely that Minister Bowen will be sent to the Hague, as the State Department feels that it would not be warranted in further extending his absence from his duties at Caracas. The chances are that the case of the preferential treatment of the allies will not go to the Hague until September next. Should he be sent back to Caracas, as the Department is now planning, he will put in the intervening time collecting evidence regarding the claims of the allies.

The postoffice appropriation bill was today reported to the Senate with the omnibus statehood bill attached to it as an amendment.

The Senate committee on foreign relations today reported favorably the extradition treaty with Mexico and an amendment to the French reciprocity treaty extending its provisions to Porto Rico. Adverse action taken on Senator Morgan's resolution declaring that nothing in the pending canal treaty with Colombia should be held to alter or modify the terms of the Spooner bill, providing for the construction of the canal. An amendment to the Spooner bill, which has been proposed by the tobacco interests of this country, providing for a uniform reduction of 30 per cent. on all Cuban tobacco imported into the United States, was considered but not acted upon. The principal reason for the negotiation of the new extradition treaty with Mexico was the flight to that country of one of the St. Louis "looters," who attempted to bribe the city yacht.

The Bureau of Navigation has recommended to the President that the United States during the Spanish war that had been loaned to the naval militia organizations of several of the States, be recalled by the Navy Department. The States named are Connecticut, the Florida, New York, the Aileen, Maryland, the Sylvia, New Jersey, the Huntress, District of Columbia, the Onida, Louisiana, the Stranger, Ohio, the Hawk, Illinois, the Dolphin, and North Carolina, the Hornet. The Bureau desires these vessels for the use of training recruits in the navy. No action upon the Bureau's recommendation has yet been taken by the Secretary of the Navy.

Senator Martin will today have the usual appropriation bill amended so as to provide for extensive improvements at the Norfolk navy yard.

The President sent to the Senate today the following army nominations: To be Major General, Brig. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, Inspector General, vice Maj. Gen. R. P. Hughes; Brig. Gen. M. L. Ludington, Quartermaster General, vice Breckinridge to be retired; Brig. Gen. Jas. F. Wade, vice Ludington to be retired.

Mrs. William Thaw, formerly of Pittsburgh but now a resident of this city, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Alice Thaw, to the Earl of Yarmouth. The Earl has been in this country about three years in an endeavor to retrieve the failing fortunes of his house. He has tried the stage and he has tried law, but carries away no medals for either. There is the daughter of the late millionaire iron man and commands more than a million in her own right. The Earl has pressed his suit assiduously in the face of the opposition of the relatives of the young woman. Recently he followed her to the South, and in order that the tongues of gossip might be stilled, Mrs. Thaw deemed it wise to announce the engagement. The Earl and his bride-to-be have been acquainted not more than three months.

EIGHTEEN PERSONS DROWNED.

A cyclone struck the passenger steamer Olive, which piles between Franklin, Va., and Edenton, N. C., at 9:30 o'clock Monday night, and sent her to the bottom of the Chowan river, off Woodley's pier, between Mount Pleasant and Oliver's wharf. Eighteen people are known to have been drowned and those who were rescued are in a serious condition. The cyclone, when it struck the Olive, caused her to go over on her beam's end and when she righted it was only to sink on account of the water she had taken. A majority of the passengers and crew were below at the time, and had no opportunity to reach the pilot house of the vessel. This point was the only portion left above water, and in it, standing waist deep from the time of the accident until 6 o'clock yesterday morning, Capt. George H. Withy and five others were saved by the river steamer Pettit which hove in sight and rescued the almost frozen survivors.

The Olive was a small single screw steamer, owned by J. A. Pretlow, of Franklin, Va., and had been plying between North Carolina and Virginia for several years. She left Franklin Monday evening for Edenton, and had almost reached her destination when the cyclone struck her.

A fierce northerly gale raged at Newport News yesterday. There was snow in the morning. A heavy sea was running, and two schooners, the Roger Quarles, loaded with wood and bricks, and the Decatur, loaded with wood and bricks, sank at Pier A. The crews escaped without difficulty. Some of the bay steamers did not leave Old Point on account of the storm.

Reports of mariners who reached Baltimore yesterday were to the effect that a furious gale swept the Chesapeake Monday night. As a result of the wind, the tide in the bay and river fell suddenly about four feet, and is believed to have left some of the craft lying at various harbors aground. About a mile and a half below the Seven Foot Knoll the barge Wayne, of the Consolidation Coal Company, is aground. As much of the water has already been blown out of the river and bay, more trouble is anticipated.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Viscount de Chambrun, a descendant of Lafayette, has been appointed an attaché of the French Embassy at Washington.

The President yesterday sent to the Senate the nomination of James Rudolph Garfield, of Ohio, to be Commissioner of Corporations in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Municipal elections were held in all townships, boroughs and cities in Pennsylvania yesterday. In Philadelphia, John Weaver, republican, was elected by a plurality of 135,000. The democrats won in the city of Pittsburgh.

The War Department is going to do away with the gilt and gold lace in the apparel and equipment of the artillery and substitute, as far as possible, a neutral tint to conform with the new service uniforms of olive green now used by the army.

Several lives were lost in the destruction of buildings in the South by the wind yesterday. Death and suffering attend the cold wave in the northwestern cities. A man was found dead from the cold in a Chicago barn. A woman was frozen to death near Clay Center, Kan.

New York society is looking forward to the formal announcement of the engagement of Robert Walton Goetz, the richest single young man in New York, and Mrs. Nannie Langhorne Shaw, which has been rumored frequently since Mrs. Shaw obtained her divorce a few weeks ago.

Mr. John N. Hands, of Elkridge, Md., has been appointed administrator of the estate of John Conway, an old colored man, who died a few days ago in Anne Arundel county. It is supposed that Conway left property worth altogether \$10,000 or \$15,000, and that his mother, Lucy Frye, said to be living at Culpeper Courthouse, Va., aged 111 years, will get the proceeds. The old colored man was a lifelong democrat and a tenant on a farm of Mr. Hands, for more than 20 years. He had no family. As a slave he belonged to the Fairfaxes in Virginia.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan delivered a lecture on "A Conquering Nation" at Immanuel Baptist Tabernacle, Baltimore, last night, and discussed good government from the standpoint of civilization and human development. He received a most cordial welcome. Later he was tendered a banquet at the Eutaw House by the Maryland Democratic Association. He talked about the various deductions he had made as a result of his visit to the city. It is now evident to all democrats that Mr. Bryan will vigorously oppose the nomination of any eastern democrat who balked at free silver.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Fendall C. Rixey has been appointed fourth class postmaster at Rixeyville, Culpeper county.

The special postal service between Cromwell and Somerville, Fauquier county, will be discontinued February 21.

A movement has been inaugurated for the establishment of a national bank in the little town of Colonial Beach, in Westmoreland county.

Mrs. Mary Darr, wife of Ephraim Darr, who lived at Selma, near Leesburg, died suddenly Monday morning about 3 o'clock of heart disease, aged about 60 years.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Virginia will convene in annual session in Roanoke tomorrow. At this session the different grand officers will be elected and other business of interest to the order transacted.

After corresponding for some months, P. D. Crowder, ex-sheriff of Amelia county, and Mrs. P. D. Hyde, of New York city, met in Richmond last night and will be married today. The lovers have never seen each other before. He is 65 and she 60 years of age.

The friends of Col. J. R. Waddy, the postmaster of Norfolk who died on Monday, have acted promptly with regard to the appointment of his successor. They will urge the President to give at least one big city a postmistress in the person of Colonel Waddy's daughter, Miss Hallie.

Westwood Fletcher, merchant and postmaster at Buckland, Prince William county, died suddenly yesterday. His death was caused by heart trouble. He was a Confederate soldier, and was a member of the Fauquier Guards, Forty-ninth Virginia Regiment. A widow and several children survive him.

The special grand jury called at the February term of the Warren County Court yesterday brought an indictment for felony against Winfield Cameron, who, it is alleged, shot and killed Cleveland Craig at Brownstown last Saturday while Craig was attempting to prevent Cameron from shooting Ross Beckwith, a negro blacksmith, for refusing to drink with him.

Rev. C. H. Crawford has declined to accept the position of office superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia. The League recently failed to re-elect him superintendent. The executive committee of the league met Monday but adjourned without electing a man in the place of the Rev. J. Sidney Peters, who has declined the superintendency of the league, recently offered to him.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Barcelona news papers today report a recent meeting of anarchists at which a young German engineer declared that he had undertaken the task of attempting to assassinate the Kaiser.

In an address to an immense audience in Capetown today Colonial Secretary Chamberlain said that owing to the antagonism between the races in South Africa he had lost considerable of the hope he had entertained on embarking for his visit. Loyalty, he said, was discontinued in the colony and rebellion treated as heroicism.

A private view of the Shamrock III, obtained today at Glasgow disclosed the fact that her overhang aft is longer, her beam broader, and her keel finer as compared with the bilge and keel of previous challengers. The new yacht's decks are coated with aluminum, and she is in every respect more of a racing machine than any of the former challengers. The builders of the new racer expect to launch her in April. Her trials will occur early in May.

The Martinique relief commission, at Paris, today decided to remit to Governor Lemaire \$1,800,000, the amount of the public subscriptions for the aid of the sufferers at the time of the disaster.

LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

The Senate yesterday passed the bill appropriating \$1,000 to the Department of Agriculture to prohibit the sale of adulterated food.

The Anderson bill, to provide for the extension of corporate limits of cities and towns, came up as the special order. Mr. Anderson said that cities should not be handicapped in their growth by a few people that settle around the outskirts. In these views he was supported by Mr. Halsey and Mr. Gold. Without taking a vote on the bill the Senate, by a vote of 14 to 13, adjourned. This was regarded as in favor of the Anderson bill.

A bill was offered by Mr. Anderson to appropriate \$10,000, to defray the expenses of the State Board of Health.

HOUSE.

The introduction of petitions in favor of the Mann liquor bill continues to be a feature at the opening of the sessions of each House daily.

The House agreed to the Senate joint resolution memorializing Congress to compel the United States revenue office to furnish the state courts the names of those to whom United States liquor licenses have been granted.

The general tax bill was resumed as a special order. Many substitutes were offered and discussed, and then went over without action. By a vote of 28 to 25 a substitute by Mr. Stearns was passed prohibiting slot machines that are run as a game of chance.

When the liquor license section was reached Mr. Days gave notice that at another time he would offer an amendment creating an excise board for each of the counties and cities of the State, so as to allow the applicant two chances of success. The object is to allow appeal from the board to the Circuit Court, and thence to the Court of Appeals. In order to afford the opportunities now given on this subject the board is to be proposed for the reason that the County Court system has been abolished, thereby removing one of the present tribunals before which application is made.

Mr. Cardwell offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute for the section taxing social clubs in like manner as barrooms. The substitute provides that each member shall pay to the State \$1, as at present; that the clubs shall be permanent ones that sworn monthly statements as to their transactions be made to the corporation courts, and that the various communities be guarded against what are known as "fake" clubs. After discussion the substitute was adopted without division. The design of this is to break up the clubs which were formed to evade the liquor law.

Motions to relieve osteopaths, healers, and Christian scientists of specific license tax and looking both to increasing the fine for carrying concealed weapons and to preventing the sale of pistols to boys were passed by.

During the discussion over the general tax bill Mr. Rice moved to increase the tax on the sale of pistols from \$20 to \$50. Mr. Newhouse inquired whether he desired to make it prohibitory. Mr. Rice said he did. Mr. Newhouse then asked whether Mr. Rice would be willing to exclude Amherst county from the amendment, as the county was now in a state of war. Mr. Rice said he would, and the ally created quite a laugh.

The speaker ordered an election in Prince George and Surry counties, March 23, to elect a member of the House to succeed the late W. B. Clarke.

The bill to break the Baylor oyster survey, which came before the committee on the Chesapeake and its tributaries last night, went over until today, after being well nigh the cause of a personal encounter between the author of the measure, E. C. Jordan, and Sheriff S. S. Curtis, of Warwick county. The sheriff intimated that Mr. Jordan was not telling the truth in his speech, and a fight would have ensued but for the interference of friends.

STORMS IN VIRGINIA.

The severe storms that visited the State on Monday night and yesterday did much damage.

A tidal wave swept the strip of land between the ocean and Pamlico sound, and many persons waded in water waist-deep to save their lives.

At Munden's Point, below Norfolk, several houses and barns and the roundhouse of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad were destroyed. Several persons narrowly escaped with their lives. The residence of Thomas Morris was destroyed, being blown from its foundation to a cornfield just opposite from where it stood, where it fell to pieces with a crash. Mr. Morris, his wife and daughter were in the house at the time and narrowly escaped being crushed to death. All were injured. At high tide the water came across the land, washing away everything in its course. Several people living on the water front were compelled to wade through water up to their waists to escape.

At Cape Henry last night the gale reached the velocity of 70 miles an hour from the north. No disasters to shipping are reported from that point. The most dangerous part of the North Carolina coast is cut off from communication.

Newport News and vicinity were swept Monday night and yesterday by one of the most violent wind and rain storms that ever have been seen in that section. Damage was done ashore to windows, awnings, signs and trees.

Richmond was in the grip of a heavy storm yesterday which was the worst day of the winter. Farmers coming in with loads of tobacco and produce were almost frozen.

At Front Royal Monday and yesterday snow fell to the depth of 14 inches. This is the heaviest snow and the coldest weather experienced there this winter.

At Woodstock the thermometer dropped 30° in 24 hours and reached zero during the night. Snow to the depth of 7 1/2 inches fell during the night and in many places has drifted badly.

A BAD MAN.—After terrorizing Winchester for several hours Monday night, Berkeley Stocks, a young married man, was arrested by Officer Massey, and yesterday was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$50. Stocks went to the house of the father-in-law—J. V. Boyd—as he was the latter's aged wife and his brother-in-law, threw a lighted lamp to the floor, kicked over a hot stove and set the building on fire. The house was badly damaged. When the police arrived Stocks defied them with a razor and a club. He was finally subdued and arrested.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond.

[Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—The tax bill was so amended in the House today as to leave the manner of taxing railroad property to the discretion of the corporation commission instead of fixing the same at \$20,000 per mile, as in the bill. The Senate, by a vote of 13 to 12 passed the annexation bill providing that all questions relating to the annexation of property to cities and towns be left to the jurisdiction of non-resident judges.

Cold Wave Follows Snow Storm. Noblesville, Ind. Feb. 18.—The worst blizzard of the season has been raging here since 3 o'clock this morning. The snow is drifting badly, completely blocking traffic. The coal and wood yards are empty and the temperature is 3 degrees below zero.

Portsmouth, O. Feb. 18.—The worst storm in years is still raging in all its severity this morning. Dealers are unable to supply the demand for coal. Business is practically at a standstill.

New York, Feb. 18.—Two deaths have been reported from the bitter cold which now prevails, one at Fort Lee, and one in Newark.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The snow storm of yesterday has been followed by a cold wave, and the thermometer registers 10 degrees below zero here this morning. At Warrensburg, the mercury is 22 degrees below zero. Bitter cold weather prevails in the Adirondacks.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 18.—Incoming vessels report terrific weather at sea, but no disasters are yet reported, though great anxiety is felt for the safety of the Canadian government steamers Stanley and Minto.

Honors to Miss Roosevelt.

New Orleans, Feb. 18.—As guest of honor at the Atlantic ball last night, Miss Alice Roosevelt's debut into New Orleans society was a brilliant affair. Special honors were shown the daughter of the President and also Miss Root, daughter of the Secretary of War, who accompanied her. The ball was one of the most lavish New Orleans has ever seen. When the Queen's maids for the court of 1903 had been chosen, a signal honor unequalled in carnival history was shown Miss Roosevelt. The maskers, who were beautifully costumed, lined themselves up on either side of the platform and the captain of the organization, escorting Miss Roosevelt from her box, led her through the avenue thus formed to the throne. The King presided over her with a royal decree, emblazoned in gold, expressive of the delight of the organization at her presence. Accompanying the decree was a bouquet of violets and roses.

When Miss Roosevelt was led upon the stage and through the line of maskers, the band played "Way Down South in Dixie," and the brilliant assemblage which filled the French Opera House cheered. Miss Roosevelt remained with the royal party while the first maskers' dance was forming and enjoyed the dance herself. She was called out for every dance, a most unusual honor. Today Miss Roosevelt will be guest of honor at a luncheon. At night she will attend the French Opera and on Thursday evening another luncheon and the Momo ball are scheduled for her.

A Revolting Murder.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Feb. 18.—George Pasco, a Clarksburg miner, is dead as a result of a most revolting attack. While one man held him, it is alleged, another cut his throat from ear to ear. The trouble started several months ago, when the dead man quarrelled with his brother and others. Pasco fled after the quarrel, but returned late Sunday evening when the quarrel was renewed. Yesterday his almost lifeless body was found in the roadway. A doctor was called and 18 stitches were taken and he was started for the hospital at Fairmont, but died on the way. Before he died he said one man held him while the other cut his throat.

A Rich Gold Strike.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 18.—Federal officers on the Yukon river confirm the story that a gold strike equalling that of the Klondike has been made in Tana valley. Two thousand miners are stampeding thither. Some of them will probably perish, as the weather throughout the Yukon valley has been most severe. The stampedeers are taking only enough supplies to last them on the journey. This may endanger the lives of all, since the provisions are very short in the new camp. Bottles of coarse gold have been brought to U. S. Commissioner Claypool fully confirming the richness of the strike.

Turkish Atrocities.

Vienna, Feb. 18.—Die Information today reports that Turkish troops, having received neither pay nor rations, recently plundered the district of Erzindjan, in Asiatic Turkey. The village of Sergevil was among the places plundered. The troops found nothing worth taking in this village, and accordingly vented their rage on the inhabitants. A score of the villagers were taken into a nearby forest, bound to trees and left as a prey to the wolves. Next morning only fragments of the victims could be found.

Damages Awarded to Spain.

Edinburgh, Feb. 18.—Lord Kilcilly, judge of the court of sessions, today awarded to Spain \$337,500 damages against the Clyde Shipbuilding Company, for its delay in delivering four torpedo boats before the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. Spain claimed that if the vessels had been delivered she could have stopped Cuban filibustering and successfully ended the rebellion, thus obviating hostilities by America.

Meat Packers Enjoined.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Judge Grosscup in the United States Circuit Court, today, granted a preliminary injunction against the meat packers, alleged to have illegally combined to control prices and restrain trade, and dismissed the demurrer of the packers, which stated that the charges and allegations against them were multifarious, insufficient, and not specific. The suit was begun May 10 last and a temporary injunction was issued. The packers' demurrer was argued December 16th.

To Get Rid of a Troublesome Corn.

First soak it in warm water to soften it, then pare it down as closely as possible without drawing the blood and apply Chamberlain's Pain Balm twice daily, rubbing vigorously for five minutes at each application. A corn plaster should be worn for a few days, to protect it from the shoe. As a general liniment for sprains, bruises, lameness and rheumatism, Pain Balm is unequalled. For sale by Richard Gibson, druggist.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The Governors of the New York Stock Exchange have granted the petition of the members to close the exchange next Saturday, as well as Monday.

A dog, supposed to have been mad, ran amuck in Hudson street, New York this morning, and before the animal was dispatched it had bitten six or more people, including two policemen.

"I will give \$100 to any man who will show me where the Bible states in a single instance that any person was ever immersed or dipped under water. I will give \$100 to any man who will show me in the good book where a woman ever took the sacrament, and will make it another \$100 to any person who can point out to me where the scripture says a word against gambling." This was a declaration made by Rev. M. J. Carpenter from the pulpit of the Cavanaugh Methodist Church at Gainesville, Fla., last night. It created a ripple of excitement.

Fire at midnight originated in a bakery near the St. Clair Hotel, one of the largest hostels of Port Huron, Mich., and destroyed that structure. A man named Worby, employed at the hotel as a gardener, is missing. Milton Campbell, a fireman, was fatally crushed under falling walls. All the hotel guests made their escape, many of them in their night clothes. Three other firemen were slightly injured, being unable to get away from the hotel. Several small stores were destroyed and the loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Florence Wheeler, 16 years old, of Jersey City, in company with Rose Fallon, 15 years old, also of Jersey City, ran away from home yesterday and went to New York. Last night on 11th street they met L. Fellows, 21 years old, a gas fitter, who picked an acquaintance with the girls. Fellows took the girls to his flat at 232 Fourteenth street, where they remained all night. This morning a card, signed by the girls' father, with the aid of detectives, located the girls. Fellows was arrested charged with abduction.

Frank Hober went into the hotel of Warren Downey, at Hooksett Junction, N. Y., yesterday afternoon and shot a gardener, a misanthrope. He was refused and seized a knife that was on the bar and ran. Downey gave chase and when he overtook Hober the latter drew a knife and stabbed the hotel keeper twice in the abdomen. The murderer died last night. The murder escaped.

Banks Taylor, formerly manager of the New Orleans Gas Light Company, who slapped the face of George Denegre, a leader of the New Orleans bar, in the cafe of the Commodore Hotel Saturday night, has been indicted by Denegre to fight a duel. The latter had not indicated what action he will take.

Unless the Fifth Presbyterian Church, in Chicago, pays to Hetty Green \$13,200.45 within the next eight days, she will advertise the church for sale under a mortgage foreclosure.

Quick work by firemen saved the lives of a number of persons in a burning five story brick building on Clark street, Chicago, early this morning. The loss will aggregate \$25,000.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Although the new Hoar anti-trust bill, which the Senate judiciary committee reported to the Senate yesterday as a substitute for the Littlefield bill, which passed the House and was adopted by the Senate committee with only three opposing votes, there seems to be little likelihood of the bill ever coming to a vote in the Senate at this session.

The republican senators held a caucus yesterday evening and decided to have the Senate continue consideration of the Panama canal treaty today and on future days until the treaty shall be disposed of. The understanding is that the statehood bill does not lose its advantageous position in the order of business; its advocates will not antagonize a motion for executive session. Senator Quay put up a stiff fight, but finally yielded.

The conferees on the army appropriation bill reached an agreement yesterday. The Senate amendment providing for the detail of retiring army officers to the number of 20 for service with organized militia was agreed to, but the provision for the assignment of retired officers as attaches at American embassies and legations abroad was omitted. The appropriation of \$2,000,000 for equipping the national guard the same as the regular army was agreed to.

The government has formally accepted the offer of the Panama Canal Company to sell to the United States the canal property and all the rights therein for \$40,000,000, subject only to the ratification of the pending treaty with the Colombian government.

It is proposed to enter into a contract with the Panama Canal Company by which payments can be made to it upon the exchange of ratifications between the United States and Colombia.

DEATH OF B. F. CARTER.

Saturday evening at his home, near Middleburg, Loudoun county, Mr. B. Frank Carter, one of Mosby's command, died, aged 58 years. On Friday night he was operated upon by Dr. Miller, of Johns Hopkins University, for an obstruction of the bowels. Several years ago he was married to a cousin, Miss Carter, who died shortly after her marriage. He was a son of the late Franklin Carter, of Loudoun county, and brother of Miss Kate Carter, and brother-in-law of Clarence Thomas, a prominent real estate man in Washington. He served with distinction throughout the war under Col. Mosby. He will be remembered by the Alexandrians who were with him in Costa Rica in 1872-3.

A VIRGINIA GIRL IN LONDON.—A cable gram from London says: "The most interesting and attractive figure at Claridge's is Mrs. Nannie Langhorne-Shaw, of Albemarle county, Virginia, who after her divorce is a girl of good time with her mother and a friend. Mrs. Shaw is pointed out everywhere as one of the models of the 'Gibson girl,' a type now as famous in Europe as it is in the United States. Since they landed they have been everywhere in London, making the rounds of the smart restaurants and plays, while the morning sees the whole party up for an early breakfast and out shopping in Dover and Bond streets with an energy unknown to the average English girl. At the opening of Parliament next Monday, Mrs. Langhorne-Shaw will go to Monte Carlo. It is likely she will pass the next four months in Europe. Several distinguished English bachelors are always hovering about the particular club, restaurant or hot shop where the girls happen to be, and many parties are quickly arranged for the cheerful, pretty visitors."

A GOOD THING.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boesche, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boesche's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 25 and 75 cts.

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Doan's Backache Kidney Pills.

Not only in Alexandria but in every city and town in the Union.

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Fred R. Jackson, baker, of 333 North Patrick street, says: "When a man is subject to pain in the small of his back, which is always intensified by an exertion, it does not require the improper action of the sections from the kidneys to tell him that in some way those organs need attention. With the passing of time, other complications become apparent, and the sufferer's stomach after eating was a common occurrence. The treatment of leading physicians, even that given by a well known hospital and the use of medicine, had not the slightest effect to cure kidney complaint, failed to even bring relief, or I never would have gone to E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drugstore for Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. This remedy acted differently from anything else I ever tried. The pain and inflammation in the bladder gradually lessened and as the organs improved indirectly my stomach trouble was benefited. From the results I received from the use of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, I have not the slightest hesitation in very emphatically endorsing them."

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